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To Our Neighbors ...

This informational newsletter is produced by Winnebago Reclamation Service, the owner and operator of Pagel's landfill. Pagel's landfill is an IEPA permitted facility that has been in operation since 1972. From time to time we will use this newsletter to bring you up to date on activity at the facility. Please feel free to call or write us if you have questions throughout the year.

On August 25, 1999, there was a public meeting held by the U.S. EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) at Howard Johnson's on 11th Street. Notice of the meeting was in a ¼ page ad in the Rockford Register Star on Friday, August 13, 1999. Two USEPA representatives were in Rockford to give a report on the remedy and progress of groundwater at Pagel's landfill.

You may have heard about the meeting and wondered what was going on. The USEPA distributed a handout and below is a very brief summary of their report:

- Monitoring and analysis of the groundwater have been going on for the life of the site (since 1972) and will not stop.
- Groundwater flows through both the sediments (sand and gravel) and bedrock in a west/northwest pattern. It takes 6 to 7 years for groundwater to flow from east of the landfill to west of the landfill.
- Levels of contamination due to the Acme Solvents Superfund site (east of the landfill) and at the landfill itself have been lowering consistently since 1991.
- Recommendation of the USEPA: installation of the final landfill cover; installation of additional leachate/gas wells; and continued monitoring of natural attenuation of the groundwater. (You may be interested to know that natural attenuation procedure is the decision made regarding the Southeast Rockford Superfund site in 1998-99. Actually, the Pagel's natural attenuation monitoring is more stringent than the Southeast Rockford decision.)

We would also like you to know that from December 1992 to present, Pagel's landfill has had 20 surprise inspections from the IEPA. There have been no violations cited by the inspector for paper/debris, cover, operations, safety, monitoring wells, etc.

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We periodically have all of the monitoring wells (there are currently 33 and more are planned) tested. If you would like to have your well tested at any time, please give us a call. It is easy to schedule and we would be happy to participate in the testing and see that the complete results are given to you.

We have been neighbors for over 26 years of operation. We have given tours to some of you and have talked to several neighbors over the years. If you want a tour, give us a call. If you have questions, let us know. We want you to have accurate information and will see that state or federal findings are given to you – not rumor or hearsay.

As a final note, the final cap is already on 18 ½ of the 42-acre landfill. It is a 4 to 5 foot cover with five different layers. The entire landfill will be covered in the year 2000 when the new cell opens. Again, we will let you know through this newsletter of schedules and plans.

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